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If you miss any news in the morning edition look in the list below. What you're looking for was probably printed in yesterday evening's edition, and as The Times never repeats you'll have to take both editions to get all the news as quick as it hap-

DRINKS'FOR HIS HEALTH-Unique Excuse Offered Judge Kimball by a prisoner.

MAKES REPLY TO BOUTELLE— Coton Treasurer Pierra Answers the Congressman's Charges.

ADEPT AMONG THE LOWLY— Theosophist Leader to Be Taken From the Rank and File.

LARGE LIST OF SPEAKERS— First National Congress of Religious Education.

PROUD OF THEIR BLUE BLOOD— Daughters of Patriotic Sires to Cele-brate in New York Today,

NEW BILL TO BE DRAWN-Eckington and Belt Lines Future Under Discussion.

CYCLERS TO HAVE PEACE— L. A. W. and A. A. U. Trouble Said to Have Been Settled.

TALENT FAVOR BEN BRUSH-Dwyer's Kentucky Derby Entry Has Pleuty of Friends.

CRACKS ARE IN FINE SHAPE— Thoroughbreds Given Plenty of Exercise During Fine Weather.

SENATORS GOOD SHOWING— Indications Are That There Is to Be Some Team Work Done.

CHURCH GOERS PROTEST—
Effort by Northeast Chizens to Defeat
a Liquor License.

PAILED TO HIDE THE CRIME— Body of Enow Lawrence Discovered in Michigan River.

BAILORS OF THE SEWERS— Cleaners Start on Their Spring Cruise Through Tunnels.

DID NOT DENY THE CHARGE-Edward North Pleaded Guilty ducting a Poker Room.

GAVE A LIGHT SENTENCE—
Judge Cole Acts in an Oleomargarine
Case.

CALLED IT A PLAIN STEAL—
New Utah Scenator Describes a Bill
Before the Senate.

AUTONOMY NOT FOR CUBA-Spin Will Grant Neither That Nor Tariff Revision.

IN FAVOR OF SOUND MONEY—
Federation of Labor no Longer Demands Free Coinage.

SECRETARY MORTON WEARY— Dull Houtine of Departmental Work Irk-some to Him.

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS— Ford Theater Commission Will Report Separate Relief Bills.

KINDLY ACT REMEMBERED— J. Spencer Miller of Media, Pa., Falls Heir to a Fortune. MASSING AGAINST SILVER— Active Campaign Begun by Friends of Sound Money.

Arbitration or War?

The eternal sheathing of the sabre and I Perhaps this is wishing too much. The millennium is conceivable in the abstract the perpetual silence of the belching cannon is the object of the pence congress which but it is not of mortal making in the is in session in Washington today. Repconcrete. There are necessary evils. Is resentatives of every territorial quarter war one of them? Is the menace of an of the country have gathered to protest rmament, finger to trigger, match to fuse, against ruthless human sacrifice to the the most effective enforcement of peace? god of war, and insist upon a rational Has the old-fashioned disciplinary theory fraternal arbitration. of the spared rod and spoiled boy failen The movement is timely at a period behind the possible entargement to inter

of almost universal unrest and is naturally national application? spontaneous in the face of the unspeakable Universal peace would be a sad blow cruelties in the belileose orient, in Dark to the jingos. Those who see no strength in a foreign policy that does not extend Africa, in our neighbor Cuba. The dis ciples of peace and no needless slaughter terms in one hand and a declaration of war in the other, look with resentment upon have vivid object lessons on all sides to point the justification of their crusade. the peace movement. They confound The object of their work is not alone the peace with inactivity. War is the triumph consummation of the Divine wish, but it of might, peace and arbitration the conis likewise the answer to an universal quest of right. Is there a choice? burgan supplication for deliverance from

The most brilliant Americans of all states the remaining vestige of an ancient and professions and creeds join in this appea o caivepal civilization to relegate carnage to darkness of the past and to concur in an international board of arbitration which shall be a final tribunal for the resort bitration. This realization, if attainable, of all nations to the preservation of life, is a benizen worth praying for, and workright and peace.

General Weyler's Immediate Problem.

evidence of Weyler's generalship would not accomplish its purpose as a military expedicat. The trocha or strong line has been fairly effective in keeping the forces of Maceo in the western province, but, meanwhile, what of the rest of the island? Made desperate by the persistence with which small detachments of the insurgents evaded the vigilance of the trocha, Weyler amoned additional forces from every part of Cuba, until the flower of the Spanish regulars is massed in this merely defensive line. It was expected, of course, that Maceo would show fight. He didn't do it; he is too good a general. He merely holds his force of 15,000 men in threatening attitude, and Weyler, while doubtless recornizing the failure of his movement as an effective military operation is evidently at a loss to better dispose his force under the circumstances. He probably suspects, too, that Maceo has no desire to do aught

edieval barbarity.

ing. for.

War is the necessity of pride on one side

or wiliful error on the other. The panacea

of the peacemakers is a tribunal of ar-

It now looks as if the chief material | of Spain while Gomez, Jose Maceo and the others commit successful ravages in

Simultaneous with this sore trial of Weyler comes the revivais of the Spanish declarations of readiness to treat for peace on grounds which do not imply too much consideration for Cuban consequence or too great sacrifice of the monarchical dignity. The two great facts of the Spanish trocha and Spanish concession may have no 'necessary connection," but there are those who suspect otherwise. Spain, it is true, professes to feel no cause for dis ceuragement over the situation in her reheliious island. The queen regent, in her speech from the throne, will express sentiments of firmness and non-compromise. But the somewhat eager willingness of the mother country to grant some concessions on the laying down of rebei arms, gives rise to the suspicion that the Spanish cause, if in her own eyes just, is at least not but distract attention of the military force

Proposed Pension Legislation.

bounty or a vested right has been disussed in and out of Congress so much and so often that nothing remains to be said on either side, yet it is probable that the convictions of peither of the parties to the lispute have been changed or snaken by the arguments of the other. The friends of the vested right idea, however, have got their views crystallized in the bill introduced by Representative Pickler, and this measure is ardently supported by the Grand Army of the Republic, which for years has been trying to secure such action. Opposition to the principle embodied in the bill is much less violent than it used to be and it is believed that the measure will pass without encountering serious difficulties.

The Pickler bill is in the line of legisla ion calculated to place the pensioner besond the whims of bureau officials, or the malice of personal enemies. It provides that a pension shall not be cut off save where positive proof is adduced showing it to have been secured by fraud, and in the investigation of the case the pensioner is to be permitted to confront his accuser or accusers. At present a pensioner is left in the dark us to who is the person that charges him or her with fraud, and the whole proceedings by which the retention lated obstructions,

The question whether a pension is a jor loss of his pension are determined, are entirely ex parte. All this is illogical, incongruous, unjust and repellant to the American idea of fair play,

> Instances are known of pensioners being subjected to endless annoyance by illdisposed neighbors, who made charges which finally proved to have no foundation Whatever, and many a poor fellow or poor widow has been put to considerable and unnecessary expense to disprove these groundless accusations. The Pickler bill therefore, contemplates nothing more than justice in securing the pensioner in undisturbed enjoyment of his stipend.

It would be well if coupled with this pro posed legislation there could be some method ooking to the simplification of the regulations and rules with which the passage of a claim through the Pension Bureau is hampered. The convolutions of Dickens' famous Circumlocation Office Were nothing compared to the red tape that literally entwines every claim for a pension in its course through that bureau. How not to do it seems to be the rule that governs there Mr. Pickler might employ some of his surplus energy in the gigantic task of cleaning that Augean stable of its accumo

Quite a Picturesque Park.

Washingtonians will regard with favor | States, and even Niagara Falls need not the proposition embodied in Senator Can- be lacking. A system of miniature waternon's joint resolution to construct near ways might show the principal rivers at this city a landscape representation of the least; ornamental trees the great forest United States, on the scale of one foot to sections, Yosemite Park, and the great the mile, which shall show the chief mountain chains could be easily constructed physical features of the country. It is a and the great cities indicated by miniatures decidedly novel and picturesque idea and of their leading architectural features. In one which happily is not difficult of execuion nor requires a great deal of expense. executed with comparative case and at ately put up, or down, whichever you please, is right at hand. Potomac Park, for that, of course, will be the name of the park to be taid out on the flats, is the very spot for it.

plans could be so arranged as to locate the map near one end and have the water the water on the north and south sides the northwestern boundaries of the United | Potomac Park.

brief, Senator Cannon's idea could be

It will be readily seen how great an attraction so unique a landscape would be, and also how useful it would prove as a practical lesson in geography. It would at the same time subserve an ornamental the aesthetics as well as the utilitarian ought to be delighted with it. The Senato there represent the Gulf of Mexico, while from Utab has not indicated any particular would do service for the Atlantic and feel otherwise than grateful to The Times Pacific Oceans. Lakes could be provided for pointing out to him the place, as ideally as the fac similes of the Great Lakes on appropriate for its execution, as will be

Through Underground Washington.

The city sewer inspectors are pursuing | their spring and summer subterranean public health. The whole intricate subcruise through the arteries of the city's atratum of cylindrical avenues must be refuse. The experience of the men who find their pittance for bread in so vile and nauseous an undertaking is as repulsive and horrible as the suggestion implies. Only the virile pen of Victor Hugo has dared dip in the polluted liquid of a city's sewers. Desirous of sending Jean Valjean through the most awful trial human seuse could endure he sent him into the mouth of a sewer and through its reeking

It seems almost incredible that men are

carefully traversed three or four times year. This is one of the exigencies of modern life.

The trips are not made without peril. is continued danger in introducing exposed light to the mortified atmosphere of the sewers and the gases arising from the heavy bosom of the foul stream. It seems impossible that men can endure it, but found who will endure the foul odors of sary adventure is never abandoned for the vile solutions. But the work is a lack of men willing to undertake it.



IN AID OF THEIR LIBRARY PRESBYTERIANS TO MEET PLAY OF ANCESTRY VS. CASH

Success of Libor Bureau's Enter- Spring Session of the Chesapeake | "The Two Escutcheons" Well Retainment at Masonic Temple.

Ball Room Grand with a Lovely Assembly-Dr. Kent's Practical Address-Music and Comedy.

A merrier or more gracious assemblage as seldom gathered in Masonic Temple than that which filled its ball room last evening, the occasion being the entertain ment in aid of the Workingmen's Labor Bureau and Library.

More than lifteen hundred people railled to the support of the enterprise, which is now the great motive with the workingmen of the city and to the realization of which they are bending their best energies. one of the most pleasing evidences of the ultimate success of the undertaking to equip the bireau with a worthy library is the lively interest manifested in it by the ladies of special grace and charm to the attendance. The weather, too, necommodated itself with becoming complains nee to the dancing feature of the second o ture of the program so that all things considered there was nothing wanting to make the explain one of unqualified success. The money changers also said that financially there was ample reason for congratulation.

The labor leaders were on the floor in numbers, all one them being Messre, Money t

unhers, among them being Messrs. Mc Huga, Simmons, Potter, Hayes, Worden, O'Lea, Boley, Maiden, Wilder, Chements, Keep and others, Among the guests was Rev. Dr. Alexander Kent, pastor of the Rev. Dr. Alexander Kent, pastor of the People's Church, whose cloquent language has often been heard and forcibly in causes similar to that of last evening.

causes similar to that of last evening. Ir. Keat had been selected to deliver the inaugural address and while his address was appropriately short it was fall of 'pith and moment.' The speech was preceded by an enlivening overture by the Musical Assembly band.

Dr. Kent spoke first of the object of the gathering, the efforts heretofore made in this direction, and the evident material assistance of the present entertainment. He complimented the appreciation of the workingmen of the value of such an educational and refining institution as the proposed library, and to the material gain to the workingmen of other cities in which proposed library, and to the material gain to the workingmen of other cities in which libraries had been established.

libraries had been established.

He referred specifically to the library and its kindred educational branches of the London Institute, in which the scope of the library idea had been enlarged into practical institutional and polytechnic work. Such a result was not impossible here. United action could accomplish a great deal of the 7 0000 per pore labelies. great deal if the 7,000 or more laboring men worked toward one design barmo

niously.

Dr. Kent illustrated the possibilities of the future by showing how magnificent courch buildings were erected by congre-gations of less than 2,000 members. What could not be done, be said, by the work-ingmen if they donated only their "idle days." The labor on such an institution would not be an element of cost as it is on buildings put up for other purposes and for which workingmen must be paid. Dr. Kent's sentiments and suggestions were as usual on practical lines. The address could assual on practical lines. The address could sual on practical lines. The address could ot fail of making a substantial impression The program was composed of lesides the items noted, some fancy dancing by Miss Dollie Brandon, whistling solos by Miss Constance Mary Hurworth, whose specialty has already been commented on, and a farce called "Shasher and Crasher," the title being particularly descriptive of the explosive quality of its humor. The star periormers were Mrs. Jean Lockwood, Miss Lizzie Magie, Mr. William H. Baker, Mr. Eddic Magie, Mr. William H. Conley, Mr. William P. Rider and Mr. William B. Crowell. The place was well acted cwell. The piece was well acted. Miss Ethel Diggs, who was not on the

fficial program, played quite charmingly ome selections on the violin. The second part of the program was big enough to be performed by the whole house. It was, of course, the dance, which wound up a most delightful evening, where money and time were spent in a lambatic and practical lasts. The workingmen, to say nothing of their lovely force in reserve, their lady friends, have demonstrated that nothing succeeds like success.

TO LOBBY THE CONVENTION. Manufacturers of Philadelphia Will

Urge Protection. Philadelphia, April 20.-At a meeting of the Manufacturers Club this evening James Poliock introduced the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted: "Whereas. The matter of most vital ne is the increasing of tarriff protection to home industries; and

Whereas, Influences of certain kinds

"Whereas, Influences of certain kinds are being exerted to have this question put into a secondary position, asserting that "Protection can wait" be by the Manufactorers' Club.

"Resolved, That the president of the club be directed to appoint a committee of fifteen members to visit St. Louis at the time of the meeting of the National Republican Convention and to appear before the committee on platform for the purpose of obtaining a ringing declaration upon the subject of ample protection to American industries."

KRUGER'S REPLY COMING.

Tone Is Friendly but Does Not Advance Negotiations

London, April 20.—The Times will to-orrow publish a dispatch from Pretoria, the reply of President Kruger to the in-vitation to visit England to discuss matters pertaining to the Transvaal extended to him by Mr. Chamberlain, the British co-lonial secretary some months ago, has been dispatched.

The tone of the reply is friendly and conclinatory, but does not advance the negotiations. Mr. Kruger repeats that the president cannot ask the Volksraad to allow him to go to London until the basis of discussion is settled. He hopes for a satisfactory settlement of the questions at issue, but says the Transvaal cannot admit any right on the part of a foreign power any right on the part of a foreign power to interfere with her internal affairs. The republic, he adds, relies upon its inde-pendence of foreign control in domestic matters in accordance with the conven-tion of 1884

More Traction Company Evasion.

Editor Times: The Capital Traction Company now asks Congress for additional franchises while it has failed entirely to carry out the provisions of law of an important franchise granted August 23, 1894. This particular provision required the Washington and Georgetown Railway Company, now the Capital Traction Company, to extend its line to the Aqueduct Bridge and operate the said extension not later than August 23, 1895, and after the latter date to cease entirely from switching cars on M street. There is not now nor has been for months past any difficulty in completing and operating the extension referred to. The company is erecting an enormous station at the end of the bridge, but the cars can be and should be run to the bridge as required by law, and the building finished afterward. The continued switching of cars on M street in violation of law should be looked into by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Canvas of McKinley Delegates Meadville, Pa.. April 20.—The Republican return judges of Crawford county met here this afternoon to canvass the vote of Saturday's primary election. The county is carried by McKinley delegates, although the Quay majority in Eric county gives Quay the fistrict. The vote was as follows: McKinley delegates, Jesse Moore, 3,708; W. J. Ramt. 3,613; Quay delegates, William H. Andrews, 3,646; Lewis Streuber, 3,235.

Richmond, Va., April 20.—The trial of Miry / bernelby, charged along with the number of Mirs. Lacy Jane Pollard in Live share on June 14 hast, commenced at Francisc today. The only witness extra conso far is the hash and of the mardered with the number of the control of the marging differences of the control of the marging differences to the control of the marging differences. w.m.: He testified to having differences with two of the Thompsons on the morn-ing on which the crime was committed.

Begins This Afternoon.

Comorrow a Special Meeting of the Washington Presbytery Will Convene at Clifton, Va.

This week will contain two events of auch interest to Presbyterians.

This evening the spring meeting of the Presbytery of the Chesapeake will begin at the Central Presbyterian Church, corner of Third and I streets. The presbytery is connected with the Presbyterian Church South, and includes the territory between the Bloe Ridge and the bay, and the Po-tomac and the Rappahannock Rivers. The Central Church of this city is the only Southern Presbyterian Church in Wash-ington

ington.

The prebytery will meet this afternson at 4 o'clock for the purposes of organization and the transaction of business of a preliminary nature. At 8 o'clock the formal public opening will occur, and Rev. Theron Rice of the Second Church, Alexandria, will deliver the sergoon at the andria, will deliver the sermon, at the request of the retiring moderator. Business sessions will be held Wednesslay morning and afternoon, a recess being taken for funcheon, which will be served at the residence of Mrs. Olivia Smith by the ladies of the Central Church.

The other occasion is the assembliant of

The other occasion is the assembling of the presbytery of Washington in special theeries, at Clifton, Va., tomorrow to serile a difficulty which has arisen there in electrone to the amount of salary to be just to their pastor-elect, Rev. W. H.

It seems that the session of the Clifton Church, accepting the case of Rev. Dr. Talmage in the matter of the call to the latter from the First Presbyterian Church of this city as a lawful precedent, specified no definite sum as salary, and, as stated vesterday by a high authority in the pres bytery, the latter did not consider the call in order, and to emphasize this opinion has determined that a call cannot be regarded as having the weight intended unless a tipulated sum to be paid the pastor shall

stipulated sum to be paid the pastor shall be stated in the document.

It is not auticipated that there will be any serious obstacles in the way of the Clifton church complying with the wishes of the presbytery in this regard, but unless they do conscent, the installation of Rev. W. H. Edwards, which has been arranged to take clare on the afternoon of that to take place on the afternoon of that day, will not occur. A committee appointed to confer with the session of the Clifton church has been in communication with the litter on the subject, and the impression prevails that by the time the presbytery assembles everything connected with the entire matter will be adjusted harmon.

REV. CLEVELAND'S FAREWELL. President's Brother Preaches a Remarkable Sermon.

Watertown, N. Y., April 20.—Rev. William N. Cleveland preached his farewell sermon to the Presbyterians at Chaumont Sunday. Although the presbytery in dissolving the pastoral relations made it to take effect July 1, Mr. Cleveland would not consent to

remain.

He preached a remarkable sermon to a large congregation. In the course of his address be said: "Perhaps I may be allowed to speak personally here today. Let me tell you, dear friends, that I do not regret my six years' stay and work not regret my six years stay and work in Chaumont as any way a reprosch. True, the parish is, as has been said, small, remote and obscure. The emolument, though not so slight as some times, yet has not been large. True, also, I have failed of a good impression in too many hearts, as the present situation indicates.

True, also, I have been esteemed by some not according to the bright standards.

not according to the high standpoint of our text, but by the rule of worldly partisanship and personal prejudice; yet, in spite of all, I am complacent and thankful that I have been enabled to

en stretched in every direction about the

estimated to number more than 1,500 men, are at a point within twenty-five miles of Mafeking. Their ostensible purpose is said to be to prevent the spread of rinderpest among the cattle, but the real reason. I their being there is that they fear another rail will be made into the Transvaal owing the gathering of British troops at Mafeking.

Cotton Oil Company All Bight. New York, April 20.-In reply to a report that the American Cotton Oil Company was in bad condition, that it would probably pass its dividends, and that the retirement of Edward B. Adams and former president, Thomas R. Chaney, indicated serious dissensions in the management, President George Austin Morrison today said that the business of the company suf-fored in company with reversal larginess. fered in common with general business recently, but the company has earned a

Bicycle Baggage Bill Signed. Albany, N. Y., April 20.—Assemblyman Armstrong's bicycle baggage bill was signed by Gov. Morton today. It is regarded as one of the most important measures of legistation which has yet been enacted in the interest of the 100,000 wheelm this State. By the bill bicycles are hereby declared to be baggage, and shall be transported as baggage for passengers by railroad corporations and subject to the same liabilities. The act takes effect

For Stealing a Bicycle.

Prank Jordan, a colored schoolboy, fif-teen years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Heller and locked up at the First precinct station for the grand larceny of a bicycle from the repair shop of Doremus & Just, No. 414 Eleventh street northwest. When taken into custody Jordan denied that he had stolen the Jordan denied that he had stolen the ng to have bought it from machine, clain a man named Thomas

Chicago, April 20.—The Democratic State Central Committee selected Peorla as the place and June 23 as the date for holding place and June 23 as the date for bolding the Democratic State convention. The call was issued on the basis of the vote cast in the Presidential election of 1892, which is a victory for the gold element, as it gives Cook county a larger representation than under the vote of 1894.

Texas Lilly Whites Convene. Houston, Tex., April 20.—The reform, or lily white' Republicans, helds their State convention here today and selected the following delegates to the St. Louis convention: C. N. Love, colored; W. B. Slosson, H. F. Mackgregor and J. B. Schmitz, They were not instructed.

Battimore, April 20.—Rumors that the receivers of the Battimore and Ohio Railroad would shortly make application to the United States court for authority to issue five minious of receiver's certificates were correct here to believe. were current here tonight. London Bank Suspends. London, April 20.—The suspension is announced of the London and Universal Bank, limited, with offices at No. 4498 trand. Charing Cross. The solicitors of the con-cern write to the newspapers that the creditors will be pold in full. The amount of the liabilities is not stated.

caived at the National.

"Excelsior Jr." at the Lafayette Fully Up to Rice's Standard-Good

Bills at the Other Houses.

Sydney Rosenfeld brought another of Sydney Rosenfest brought another or bis dramatic projections to Washington tast night. He poses not as the exclusive author, though he is absolute owner, but he is responsible for the translation and "colloquial embellishments." He has An-glicized the comedy, not in the sense that one is supposed to in transposing indecent one is supposed to in transposing indecent French into utterable English, but in changing heavy Tentonic into the breezy vernacular.

remarcular.

Though late in reaching the capital, "The Two Escutcheons; or, Chicago in Berlin," was the precursor of the Rosenfeld renaissance in this year of grace. Daly first produced it and everbody conceded its cleverness but Relian. She did in her mind and heart, but she conceased the fact because she was too mature for the role of a real, real young woman. Edythe Chapman is now the interpreter of Rehan's part. Mr. Rosenfeld produced "The House of Cards." We have seen that and found a great deal in it to enjoy and commend. Sydney merely touched up this clever farce, but much credit is due him for it is always the hast stroke that counts in a work of art. The end is of yet, for "A Divorce Colony" the hast stroke that counts in a work of art. The end is of yet, for "A Divorce Colony" and "A Fashionale "Physician" are said to be waiting auspicious time for real life. The Rosenfeld arm is stretched out for fame and lucre. He has a measure of both and is deserving of a larger share.

As for "The Two Escutacious," is proved a diverting entertainment of a light character. Mr. Rosenfeld studiously avoids offending any sense of proprieties, and he and the original German authors have not found is decessary to stoop to even casual double entendre or obnazious women with

double entendre or obnexious women w ndiscrectly filitations dispositions to rais indiscreetly litrations dispositions to raise many genulucity itself. It may be told in a dozen lines, but the suggestion of the structural scheme is minute and has never been lingeniously realized upon. It seems that a young Chicago widow. Mrs. Stevenson, is chaperoning aims Mary Postor, daughter of Thomas Foster, mean picker, of her native city, in Serius. The girl and Rudolph, son of Baron Von Wettenson, a hand of overwiesmang alocate, and

girl and Rudolph, son of Baron Von Wettengen, a hant or overweening ancestry, and
desperately in love and marry. The Checago father appears. It is a Bertin escutcheon, emblazoned with ancestry, against
a Chicago escutcheon, emblazoned with hog
and casa. The entanglement, situation and
sequel are as amusing as the simple narrative suggests.

The writing is better than the acting.
Many of the scenes display a line sense of
numer and stamp the piece as a confedy
of finished structure and positive though
deficate humor.

of finished structure and positive though deficate humor.

There were several good hits of acting by the generally even cast. The best work was divided between Miss Chapman as Mrs. Stevenson, Vincent Serrano as young Rudolph; and Mr. George Backus as Capt. von Vinck, penniless but willing to retrieves. Mr. Backus has a nice sense of numor and managed to carry fresh life into each of the scenes in which he entered. Miss Louise Muldener, who played the Baroness von Wettingen, and Miss Rose Barrington as Mary Foster were suffering from severe hoarscuess and didn't do themselves justice.

boarseness and didn't do themselves justice.

Mr. Charles Craig appeared for the first time as Foster of Chicago. He is a fine actor of character parts and he will presently recognize that he is making his present characterization too broad. No American of Chicago or elsewhere, attains to the wealth or celebrity of this Poster without rubbing off a veneer of the refinement which his natural associations would bring him. He was, however, in a broad cough way very amusing and a foil for the Baron von Wettingen of Robert F. Cotton.

The audience enjoyed themselves and laughed appreciatively at the many good points. Miss Chapman was the recipient of a superb basket of American Beauty roses. The fans were in operation and kept the temperature down to a comfortable degree.

our text, but by the rule of worldly partisanship and personal prejudice; yet, in spite of all, I am complacent and thankful that I have been enabled to preach a positive gospel for so long to so many willing minds.

CAN RESIST THE MATABELES.

Captain Duncan Expresses His Confidence at Buluwayo.

London, April 20.—The Times will tomorrow publish a dispatch from Mafeking, dated yesterday, saying that Capt Duncan telephones from Buluwayo, that he is confident that he will be able to resist an attack by the rebellious Matabeles.

The most he fears is treachery on the part of the natives within the town. He combines fun, music, song, color, form, at lack by the rebellious Matabeles.

The most he fears is treachery on the part of the natives within the town. He considers the Lasger impregnable, owing to the forts that have been constructed, the dynamite mines that have been laid in the suburbs and the bartied wire that has been stretched in every direction about the

enough to counterate the many prominent performers, the musical numbers, the specialties, and the scenic changes.

The old legend of the brave and persistent boy who planted his standard on the mountain top has been seized upon to little and a vague pretext for the ruthless eccelitricities of the burlesque librettist. "Excelsior, Jr.," is a decadent. His grandfather made the famous personally conducted tramp up the mountain, hot he. He is a young man about town. There was such a bewideterment of features that it is hard to secure a footing from which to wade out and explain the performance. Fay Templeton's return was commenced upon. She comes rejuvenated and a perfect fashion plate in the various up-to—ate swell hero. Little Arthur Duna, who walks like a corksere wand talks in chunks, made the largest share of the fue. Duna talked a little, sung a lattle, and played the plano a la Paderewski, with a door mat for a wig, in a fashion that captivated the anience. Mait oft and Thomas Klerns assisted in the merriment respectively as Ben Boli, who was driven from home by the hand organs and the mountain guide. Seymont Hess made a hit as au mitator of Chevalier, and D. L. Don as Evaline held the center of the stage a considerable time. Miss Irvue Perry and Miss Marie Cabill did all sorts of things besides looking pretty to command them to the approval of the audience.

The leaders, however, of the petticoat brigade, if the ladies will pardon so flippant an allusion, were Yvette Violette and Deyo, Violette distinguished herself by a marveious reproduction of the voice, gesturps, manner and songs of Yvette Guilbert. It was all very clever, but the most admirable and perfect part of the imitation was when, at the end of the songs, she gathered a fold in her skilt and oun not on an or run but floated, fawr-ike, off the stage.

and perfect part of the imitation was when, at the end of the songs, she gathered a felct in her skirt and out not out of run but floated, fawr-ike, off the stage. The marvelous Guilbert skip was reproduced to an absolute perfection. Devo danced a couple of solos and proved herself a graceful and vivacious premiere. The music of "Excelsior, Jr. is not at any time tedious and very often the composers have struck an air that forces itself into the car as a dainty morsel that will hum and whistle easily. The ballets were well danced and the scenery was very claborate and beautiful. John Braham directed the orchestra.

Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb, with her company of American Liliputians and high-view vaudevilies, opened their season at Allen's Opera noises wan a plegame to the laients of the girted little people in the cast.

"The Two Rivals," a breezy sketch in one act, served as a background for the musical and terpsichorean specialities of Mrs. Thumb in a blue brocade Louis Quinze costune, assisted by Count and Baron Magri in faultiess evening array. Harry Helms, towering Guilver-like over these Liliputians, foilowed with a display of magic and jugglery that seemingly defied the laws of reason and gravitation. He, in turn, was out-marveled by tiny Jennie Quigley, who, under a judicious speil of mesmerism administered by tiny Jennie Quigley, who, under a judicious speil of mesmerism administered by Mine. Trazour, stood suspended in mid-air with the rigid placidity of a doil.

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There were many children in the audience and they evidenced their approbation in hitarious applause and language when Mare. Carlint bounded with her dogs on the stage. As the lithe, record-breaking creatures leaped over the tables, chairs, and baskets pited on top of each other the enthusiasain mounted with the furniture until the laughter became bofs-terous shouts that gre w louder and merrier when a frisky brown pup circled around the stage with the affectation of Loie Fuller, accompanied by a stolid monker whose chief charm was the deadly enthesis with which he refused to perform.

The olio of songs and dances by Misa Jennie Quigley, Misa Annie Nelson and Capt. George Laible were cleverly given, while the concluding illusionary act of the Enchanted Statue, with his swire changes of costomes and colored lights showed Count and Countess Magri (Mrs. Thumb) and Euron Magri to be possessed of dramatic and lyne talent of more than ordinary degree.

"McKenna's Fliritations" was the play served to the patrons of the Academy of He-I guess it was to first hisband for being sup-to-date farce comedy, presented by a indianapolis Journal.



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McKenna, the leading part, its fun is mending and the clean, naturalisor not depending upon vulgarity or exaggerated horse play to help out the humors of an amisingly complicated plot.

Ample opportunity is afforded for the introduction of specialities in the shape of songs, dances and dialect inferpolations. The young ladles of the company are pretty and sing and dance well and materially sided in making the play go off in a refreshing manner.

Timothy McKenna, a rich contractor, the part originated by Edgar Selden, has lost none of its burth provoking powers since he first presented it.

As Michael Ryan, the retired milkman, Frank J. Keenan was very clever. James Bankson, as Tim McKenna, g., and Edward Convoy as a lawyer, and Emmett Coursy as McQuirk, the hole carrier, was repeatedly applauded for their efforts.

Dantel Barrett as Catherine O'Donnell in make-up was one of the fentures of the cast and he was well received.

Miss Caroline Wolfe was pleasing with several new songs which were well rendered. Miss Kitt Hill as Mary Ellen Ryan, wife of Michael and a victim of circumstances, looked and acted well her part. As McKenna's sister in law. Anastasia McGovern, Jenuic Learned was imong the leading characters.

Among others who added to the fun of the play were Misses Rose Clarke. Annie Clarke, Bets Stanley and Mabel Colyb, all pretty girls whose songs and dances were pleasingly rendered.

There was nothing backnumberish about Harris Morris "Twentieth Century Main's" last night at Kernan's Lyccum Theater. On the other hand they were several decades in aivance of the present year of grace. The performance opened with an original and unique conception of the coming female in the one-act comedy entitled "The Girl Bachelor's Stag." The scene represented the interior of a club room occupied by the advance maidens. Their ticals of backelor life surpassed the most vivid conception of the holder sex.

John T. Hanson as Zeb, the Yankee clock-hopper, is a most eccentric comedian, and his droll wit greatly amused the large andience.

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Harry Emerson and Annie Carter in their come little sketch entitled "Don't Notice It," were favorites at a high figure.

Lella Trimble, the American nightingale, rendered a number of her latest vocal successes, and received an ovation. Clarked Terry, the modern Venus, assisted by a trio of the "maids," appeared in living productions of twenty famous paintings and works of plastic art. Their poses were most graceful. Each setting was introduced by Miss Teidly Pasqueleum, recting appropriate verses before the presentation of each figure.

The hit of the evening was when Nettle De Coursey remiered her lates? "Won't You Marry Me." The applause was load and prolonged and the audience masted upon her reappearance after the opening of the next seems.

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artists was aide spitting. The back and wing dancing was simply perfect and some of the intricate steps brought down the house. This team was easily the star attraction of the show.

The program conclusted with the house-cus burlesque entitled Too Much Tribby, in which Harry Morris, himself, as Siang Valley, and Leils Trimble as Tribbee, were the lending characters. The hypnotic effects were highly amusing, as was also the left-footed model.

She Suited Him.
"Will you be mine?" he demanded.
"You ask much," she faltered.
"I know it, fait"—

His countenance kindled with enthusi-His contains the spoke.
"I adore large people."—Pick Me Up.

She—I wonder what I ever married you for, anyway? He—I guess it was to get even with your first husband for being smart enough to die.—